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- * Option to amortise exploration and drilling expenditure over a period for 10 years from first commercial production.
- * Biddable sharing of profit petroleum based on pre-tax investment multiple achieved by the contractor.
- * Royalty for onland areas is payable at the rate of 12.5% for crude oil and 10% for natural gas. For offshore areas, it is payable at the rate of 10% for oil and natural gas. Royalty for discoveries in deep water areas beyond 400m iso-bath will be chargeable at half the applicable rate for offshore areas for the first seven years of commercial production.
- * Fiscal stability provision in the contract.
- * Freedom to the contractor for marketing of oil and gas in the domestic market.
- * Provision for assignment.
- * Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1996 will be applicable.

Irrigation projects from Gujarat, MP, UP and Bihar

†1824. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of the foreign-aided irrigation projects in the country at present;

(b) whether Government have received any such proposal from State Governments particularly from the Government of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the decision taken in this regard;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that the foreign aid provided for this purpose is not being properly utilised by the States; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BLOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The State-wise number of ongoing externally aided irrigation projects are given in Statement-I. (See below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) The details of irrigation proposals received from the State Governments for external assistance during the last two financial years i.e. 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and their status are indicated in statement-II. (See below).

(d) and (e) Water being a State subject, irrigation projects are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments according to their own priorities and availability of plan allocations. Central Government facilitates in tying up external assistance on the request of State Governments to bridge the resources gap. External assistance is being received in the Government of India, Ministry of Finance and transferred to the State Governments in the form of Additional Central Assistance i.e. 70% loan and 30% grant in case of general States and 90% grant and 10% loan in case of special category States. The State Governments incur the expenditure from their plan funds in the first instance and subsequently receive reimbursement through Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. The progress of externally aided irrigation projects is monitored by the Government of India, donor agencies and concerned State Governments. The implementing agencies are impressed upon at the apex level, as and when required, to accelerate the project implementation for utilization of assistance to the full extent.

Statement-I

State-wise number of ongoing externally aided irrigation projects

S.No.	Name of the State	Number of externally aided irrigation projects
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4
2.	Gujarat	1
3.	Haryana	1
4.	Kerala	2
5.	Maharashtra	2
6.	Madhya Pradesh	1
7.	Manipur	1
8.	Orissa	4
9.	Pondicherry	1
10.	Rajasthan	1
11.	Tamil Nadu	1

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Statement-II

Details of State Governments for external assistance during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 alongwith their status

S.No.	State	Name of Project	Amount of Assist/ Project cost In Rs. Crores	Date of Receipt of the proposal	Present Status
1.	Bihar	i) Bihar Public Tubewell Project Phase II	811.55	29.12.2000	Confirmation regarding inclusion of the proposal in the 9th Plan to be submitted by State Govt.
		ii) Participatory on Farm Development Project for Kosi Command	324.90	4. 1.2001	Confirmation regarding budgetary support and inclusion of the proposal in the 9th Plan to be submitted by the State Govt.
2.	Gujarat	iii) Augmentation of Surface Water Recharge in Over Exploited Aquifers	305.64	1. 6.2000	Posed to Royal Netherlands Government on 5.2.2001
		iv) Gujarat Irrigation and Salinity Prevention Project	276.70	2. 5.2000	Comments sent to State Govt. for compliance
		v) Gujarat Water Resources Consolidation Project for World Bank assistance	724.00	26. 7.2000	Posed to World Bank in May, 2000
		vi) Gujarat Salinity Prevention Project	1160.00	25.4.2000	Posed to World Bank on 14.6.2000
3.	Karnataka	vii) Karnataka Tank Improvement Project	946.47	7. 9.2000	Project preparation by the World Bank going on.
4.	Madhya Pradesh	viii) Pench Diversion Project (Phase I)	255.29	9. 8.2000	Comments sent to the State Government for compliance on 19.9.2000
		ix) Mahan (Gulab Sagar) Medium Irrigation Project	122.37	4. 9.2000	State Government advised to include it under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) of Central Government.

S.No.	State	Name of Project	Amount of Assist/ Project cost in Rs. Crores	Date of Receipt of the proposal	Present Status
		x) Bargi Diversion Project	141.71	4.10.2000	Posed to DEA on 27.2.2001. Deptt. of Economic Affairs informed that Japan is not considering new proposals. State Govt. was informed on 27.3.2001.
		xi) Bhanpura Canal Project	78.18	15.5.2000	Proposal examined and comments sent to State Govt. for compliance on 1.9.2000
		xii) Chaldu Tank Project	31.56	20.9.2000	Comments of MOWR sent to State Govt. for compliance on 1.9.2000.
		xiii) Sindh Project Phase II	107.44	3.7.2000	Non-availability of Japanese assistance intimated to Government of Madhya Pradesh on 9.8.2000
		xiv) Rehabilitation of Minor Irrigation in Madhya Pradesh	109.37	20.9.2000	The State Govt. has submitted modified proposal on 19.7.2001.
		xv) Minimum Rehabilitation Works of Major, Medium and Minor Schemes	154.30	14.12.1999	The proposal has not been approved and the State Govt. was informed on 5.1.2000.
5.	Rajasthan	xvi) Rehabilitation of Minor Irrigation Tanks in Rajasthan	44.14	3.8.2000	Compliance report from State Government received in June, 2001 is under scrutiny.
6.	Uttar Pradesh	xvii) Water Management and Recharge in over-exploited Blocks of UP	30.38	26.2.2001	Confirmation regarding counter part funding to be submitted by the State Govt.
		xviii) Minor Irrigation Works and Recharge in Bundelkhand	35.06	26.2.2001	Confirmation regarding counter part funding to be submitted by the State Govt.